

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Allowed claims

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 12 and 50 have been allowed.

Allowable claims

Applicant notes with appreciation that claim 55 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has therefore amended base claim 54 to include the limitations of dependent claim 55, and cancelled the latter. In addition, applicant has also amended the claim to: a) positively recite that the tubes are inserted through the header openings, and b) correct the last portion to refer to the sealing fit between the header and the "tubes."

Previously withdrawn claims

Dependent claims 13 and 51 were previously withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species. However, since the claims on which they are dependent, claims 12 and 50, respectively, have been allowed, applicant respectfully requests that claims 13 and 51 be allowed.

Remaining claims

Applicant has cancelled all remaining claims, claims 1-11, 20-36, 44-49, 52 and 53, without prejudice.

It is respectfully submitted that the application has now been brought into a condition where allowance of the entire case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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